

Personal Comments from anonymous source

A) Can improvements be made in reference to types of boards to better meet public health, safety, welfare issues - -

2-15-212 (3) (b) The department head of a department to which any agency is allocated for administrative purposes only in this chapter *shall*:

(b) allocate office space to the agency as necessary, subject to the approval of the department of administration.

Did the department of administration approve taking away office space, etc. to the Board of Landscape Architects? If so, is this not an exercise of power beyond legislative intent?

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B) How can membership composition be improved or revised to better address boards' public health, welfare, safety mandate: - - -

Rural areas are not represented in the make up of the boards. More public members are needed to discourage "turf wars" and board members personal bias towards others in the occupations/professions.

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C) Can changes be made to improve administrative attachment - -

An agency allocated to a department for administrative purposes only in this chapter *shall*:

2-15-121 (a) exercise its quasi-judicial, quasi-legislative, licensing, and policymaking functions independently of the department and without approval or control of the department . . . This section speaks for itself. As it is now, the department is striving to take control of the administratively attached boards. In essence, the department is attempting to regulate the boards in order to prevent the boards from regulating the occupations/professions. For example [one of many], in some cases, the department is denying board members access to various training and education seminars, even though this travel is approved by the board and within their budgets.

Licensing is not the principal function of the boards, regulating the profession is the statutory mandate. As such, the department should focus on providing boards with the administrative, legal, and clerical support as requested by the boards, not as determined by the department.

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